THE TEMPLE SINAI CONFIRMATION CLASS INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THEIR SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION ON

**SHAVUOT**

**Saturday, June 8, 2019**
**6 Sivan 5779**
**7:00 p.m.**

Tali Beckwith-Cohen
Sarah Borus
Jonathan Carney
Julia Chan
Zoe Ebner

Elena Gill
Jasper Owen
Mari Rosenzweig
Jacqueline Silver

Ava Stern
Isobel Tickell
Keniyah Vickers
Eli Wachslr-Felder

**Reception Following Service**
On my sabbatical during my 6-week stay in Israel I was able to combine experiences of teaching and learning. As I have done in the past I was fortunate to be able to visit a number of schools in Modi’in, our partnership city, and present on differences in Jewish life and identity in our two countries. I am often reminded that there is a need for Israelis to understand the vitality and creativity of Jewish life in the Diaspora, especially in the American experience. As American Jews we need to do the same in order to understand what really exists in the Jewish State. Israel is not only its politics, it is also the land and the people, to which we should have a strong historical connection.

This year I was invited, through our partnership to offer a similar talk about American Jewish life to adults. I was told there would mostly be local Israelis who had little or no connection with the partnership. While this was true for the majority in attendance, there were a handful of ex-pat Americans who now live in Israel. I was glad not to have objections from them of my descriptions.

After the presentation I was approached by a former Israeli Air Force officer who told me he disagreed with much of my political opinions based on what he saw as the overriding threat to Israel’s existence. The conclusion I came to was that he put the Iran nuclear capacity as the single greatest danger to Israel’s future. I was saddened by what I interpreted as his pessimistic lack of hope for the long-term future. He was saddened by what he perceived as my naiveté as one who is not living in Israel.

Early in my visit I attended a one-week experience with other Reform rabbis on a mission entitled “Innovation, Change, and Creativity.” We experienced numerous places where the vitality of Israel has become reality. We heard from Joanna Landau, the founder of VIBE ISRAEL, a non-profit organization to promote a positive image of Israel on social media as a multicultural, multilingual society characterized by its creative energy. Her goal is to get the message of Israel’s vitality out to different affinity groups through social media. At a visit to Start Up Israel we were presented with a multitude of new inventions and companies that are Israel’s gift to the entire world.

On the Tel Aviv University campus we visited the newly renovated and upgraded Museum of the Jewish People, Beit HaTfutsot. The English name instead of the previous, Diaspora Museum, demonstrates a shift in the perspective. It has become a place of pluralistic Judaism that is quite inclusive. It was exciting to see a video about Yom Kippur begin with the chanting of Kol Nidre by Rabbi/Cantor Angela Buchdahl of Central Synagogue.

Our journey took us to venues of Hi-Tech and new experiences in older established places. A huge landfill garbage dump near Tel Aviv has been transformed into a beautiful park as well as a recycling center, with an educational component. The marketplace in Jerusalem known as the shuk has become the ‘in place’ in the evenings with bars and restaurants as well as creative paintings on the iron gates of shopping stalls. We visited Israel’s new distillery and the expanded Ben Gurion University where links between the university, private industry, and the Defense establishment create many new projects and products, especially in cyber security.

One place that to me was a highlight was Shanti House in the Negev. There are a few Shanti House locales where very serious at-risk youths are given shelter, love, and education. Often these youths are as down as one can get. Shanti House has an 80% success rate, and many go on to higher education and distinguished army service.

The time in Israel once again reminded me about what I love about the country. I say that as I also see the many things that need to be changed.

Shalom

Rabbi Alan J. Katz
We just have celebrated the Festival of Passover! I hope that everyone had meaningful and spiritually fulfilling Seders with your family and loved ones!!

As we are looking ahead with great anticipation, we begin the counting of the Omer which leads us to the Festival of Shavuot (The Festival of Weeks). The counting of the Omer begins from the second day of Passover to the day before Shavuot which is 49 days or full 7 weeks.

The Festival of Shavuot has a historical meaning for us - Hag Matan Torateinu (the Festival of Giving of our Torah) celebrates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

Another meaning of Shavuot is agricultural - Hag Ha-Bikkurim (The Festival of the First Fruits) commemorates the time when the first fruits were harvested and brought to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The counting of Omer has a great significance. It reminds us of the important connection between the two Festivals - Pesach and Shavuot. At Passover, we were freed physically from Egyptian bondage. At Shavuot, the giving of the Torah redeemed us spiritually from the bondage of immorality and idolatry.

Our Jewish scholars point out that the Festival of Shavuot is the time of "Giving of the TORAH" rather than "Receiving the Torah." As Jews, we study Torah and we are constantly in the process of receiving and learning about our Jewish heritage. The Torah was “Given” only once at Mount Sinai on Shavuot, and this is why Shavuot and the “Giving of the Torah” is Significant.

There is a belief among Jewish music scholars that along with the Torah and Oral Jewish law, Moses was given important melodies. They are called “Tunes from Mount Sinai,” Mi-Sinai melodies. Ironically, these are the tunes or phrases that were sung for many centuries and were handed from generation to generation, that we still use in our worship today. Therefore, they are regarded as having been handed down to Moses from Sinai. In fact, most Mi-Sinai tunes come from Middle Germany, from X - XV centuries and proved to be lasting and meaningful musical pieces beyond the generations. Mi-Sinai Melodies sung ONLY in the Askenazic Synagogues in Eastern and Western European tradition. Cantors were obligated to use these melodies and were not allowed to substitute other melodies.

Many of these Mi-Sinai Melodies are familiar to all of us: “Kol Nidrei” and “Bar’chu” melodies from Yom Kippur liturgy, “Adon Olam” and “Ein Kelocheinu,” “Maoz Tzur” from Hanukkah and “Adir Hu” from Pesach. As you can tell, most Mi-Sinai melodies are the songs that were influenced by non-Jewish musical sources. They are not technically songs from Mount Sinai. However, they have been proven by time and are regarded as essential to our Jewish Musical Heritage. Every congregation has their own “Mi-Sinai tunes,” favorite melodies which are “required” in our worship. These melodies have not yet withstood the test of time; however, the worshipers of this generation believe that these tunes will last for the repertoire of future generations.

I hope you can join us for many wonderful traditional and innovative Shabbat services in the months and year ahead! May you find meaning and inspiration in the music of our diverse services!

Shalom,
Cantor Renata Braun

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Come See What's On The Menu At Our Website: tsinai.org
Chapter 24: Passing the torch.

Almost a year ago, also during the annual counting of the Omer, I wrote about how I had learned to “count on” instead of “count off.” I wrote about mindfully experiencing every day and staying in the moment. A year and a bit later, I have truly realized how much I count on all of the wonderful people at Temple Sinai, but I also have started to count down.

As my presidency at Temple Sinai nears its end, I need to give special thanks to a great number of people. First of all, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees. We have spent the last two years dealing with many unexpected changes, and the support of the board has been invaluable. It has been a wonderful experience working with each and every member.

I would also like to thank our professional staff for their support these past two years. Rabbi Katz and Rabbi Till have been mentors, leaders, and friends, and Cantor Braun has become a new friend. Ilan Adar has been a huge help with everything from sound and audio equipment to event planning to being a sounding board when I just needed advice. I can’t begin to thank our office staff of Joyce Schachter and Bobbi Simmons-Sarnov, who have both taken on more tasks than anyone would believe, and have kept positive attitudes, senses of humor, and nurturing spirits the whole time.

I can’t begin to name all of our many volunteers to all of our committees and groups, but I would like to deeply thank each one of them. Remember that every event (and eating opportunity) is planned and executed by a team of volunteers, working hard to make sure that we can each connect to our Temple community in our own way.

I would like to thank our Life & Legacy Hart Society members, who have signed letters of intent to guarantee Jewish tomorrows for future generations, and in doing so helped us obtain significant incentive grants for the year as well.

I would also like to thank our custodians, our entire school staff, our madrichim and our librarian for making Temple Sinai such a wonderful second home for many of us. There is no way I can possibly thank past president Susan Bondy for all of the help she has given, and for stepping up to do accounting and HR work for us while she manages Dinners with Friends and Galas. I also need to thank all of our other past presidents who have been there for me many times and in many ways these past two years and who continue to be there for anything we ask of them.

More than anything, though, I would like to thank Keith Greer for accepting the request to take the presidency in July (and I suppose I need to thank his wife Carol as well!) I know that I am leaving Temple Sinai in perfect hands. And I am certain that I can speak for him when I say that Keith and I both thank our search committee for finding Mary Mansfield, our new Executive Director.

And I thank each and every one of you for listening, for reading, and for being present.

Blanche Fenster

Contacting the Clergy

Please let the temple office (381-6890) know of any illnesses, deaths or joyous occasions so that the Rabbis and the congregation can respond appropriately. Also, remember not to schedule any life cycle events at which Rabbi Katz, Rabbi Till, or Cantor Braun will be present without speaking to them first.

To reach Rabbi Katz in an emergency, please call both his home phone (662-5418) and his cell phone (233-8028). To reach Rabbi Till in an emergency, please call 355-0192. To reach Cantor Braun in an emergency, please call 973-953-2489.

It is a mitzvah to visit those who are ill. Please remember that HIPAA regulations prevent hospitals from alerting us when someone is ill. We ask temple members who are aware that one of our members is in a hospital to please call the Temple Sinai office so that one of our Rabbis may visit them.
The School of Jewish Life & Learning school year is over. The classrooms are quiet from the lovely and busy sound of our students. The teachers are “rolling up their sleeves” for the task of cleaning and organizing their classrooms. And in the office, we begin getting ready for the 2019-20 school year . . .!!

During the 2018-19 school year we provided Jewish education and experiences to 170 students; our teachers were assisted by 36 Madrichim and Madrichot; and we continued our partnership with Avnei Chen school from Modiin, Israel.

Thank you to Karen McCally for her help as our Education VP.

It happened in May
On Friday, May 3, we were visited by 70 teens and adults from four houses of worship: Baber African Methodist Episcopal Church, Fairport Universal Methodist Church, St. Joseph of Penfield Catholic Church, and The Islamic Center of Rochester. We began with a presentation and discussion about the Jewish faith and the items in our Sanctuary that represent our faith. They attended the service that was (skillfully) led by our 8th and 9th grade Kesher students and concluded with our guests joining the Shabbat with Friends dinner.

On Saturday, May 4, our 4th grade students led a Shabbat afternoon service that was followed by dinner.

We thank Lindsey Hagan and her Madrichim and Madrichot for preparing their students.

On Sunday, May 6, about 200 adults and children participated in our annual Mitzvah Day; and about 100 gathered in our social hall for a post-Mitzvah Day lunch.

On Sunday, May 12, we gathered in our social hall for a special Campfire Sing Along dedicated to Israel Independence Day. We shared this event, via Zoom, with our friend from Avnei Chen school in Modiin, Israel.

On Saturday, May 18, our 3rd grade students and their families gathered in our Sanctuary for a special service and ceremony: Siyum Shlav Aleph, the conclusion of the first step in the students’ reading of Hebrew text; and the beginning of learning Jewish prayer from the siddur (prayer book). At the end of the service the students received a special gift from their parents: Their own copy of our prayer book: “Mishkan T’filah.” The event concluded with a special Havdalah service and pot-luck dinner.

On Sunday, May 19, we gathered in our Sanctuary for the end of the year assembly; and to say farewell to our 7th grade students who are “advancing” to Kesher.

On Sunday, May 26, our 10th grade students traveled to New York City, which is part of their Confirmation curriculum: The American Jewish Experience.

And last, but not least, on Saturday, June 8, our 10th grade students will be confirmed during the Erev Shavuot service.
**Within Our Family**

**In Memoriam…**
Temple Sinai notes with sorrow the passing of:
- Roddy (Roslyn) Katz, mother of Rabbi Alan Katz
- Marcia Gurwitz, mother of Alan Gurwitz
- Jeffrey Ring, father of Lori Weiss
- Laura Feldman, mother of Jeff Feldman

*The Temple family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families.*

**Mazal Tov to….**
- Lynn Gatto, who is being inducted as a member of the 2019 Brighton High School Alumni Hall of Fame
- Reenie Feingold, recipient of the 2019 Enterprising Woman of the Year Award
- Alan & Andrea Randt on the Naming of their children, Jackson, Samuel & Vincent
- Seth & Terri Zebrik on the Naming of their children, Madeleine, Abigail & Rebecca

**Be part of the Sinai Community!**
Join our service as our B’nai Mitzvah lead us in worship.

**Alexander Gill**
June 1, 10:30 a.m. service
Son of David and Beth Gill

**Ella Stern**
June 1, 6:00 p.m. service
Daughter of Jon Stern and Lisa Meyer

**Veronica Sanberg**
June 15, 10:30 a.m. service
Daughter of Janet Sanberg

**Seth Rozen**
June 15, 5:30 p.m. service
Son of Eric and Tarryn Rozen

**Noah Kivel**
June 22, 10:30 a.m. service
Son of Jonathan and Erin Kivel

**Sam Drew**
June 22, 10:30 a.m. service
Son of Christopher and Dana Drew
## June 2019 Calendar

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### Please Note:
There will be NO Shabbat Morning Services during the months of July and August.

### July Erev Shabbat Services
- July 5: Erev Shabbat Family Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- July 12: Erev Shabbat Service @ 8:00 p.m.
- July 19: Erev Shabbat Service @ 6:00 p.m
- July 26: Erev Shabbat Service @ 8:00 p.m.
Yahrzeits
The departed live on
in the hearts
of those who cherish their memory

Within Our Family

May 31-June 1
Ethel Agins
Miriam Altman
Rose Badaines
Ruth Belinoff
David Bodner
Arlen Brodsky
Gerald Cooper
Kenneth Cramer
S. George DiGiovanni
William Feldman
Thomas J. Finnefrock
Maurice Fleisher
Albert Golden
Cecile Gross Fried
Florence Hutfkoff
Shirley Jacobson
Ruth Kadelbach
Hilda Keil
Isaac King
Anna Kolman
Simeon Kruzhkov
Steven Lapin
Peter Manisewitz
Mildred Manisewitz
Eileen Oseroff
Faye Perlman
Murray Pess
Harold Rib
Thelma Sarnov
Joanne G. Schoenfeld
Maishe Schuster
Minnie Spector
Pearl Stone
Lea Tebor
Naum Vovchik
Joseph Weiner
Mildred Weiner
Morton Weitman
Bernard Yellen
Esther Belle Land Zacher
Allan Zeldman
Lev Ziskin

June 7 - 8
Frances B. Abrams
Albert Barnett
Ruth Battler
Molly Bodner
Suzanne Cameron
Philip Cytryn
Angelo DiMatteo
Steven Drexler
Basya Falkovich

Betty K. Fischer
Ed Frindel
Rose Goldensher
Sam Goldensher
Marshall Gordon
Maria Gouzy
Lawrence Greer
Elaine Hoffman
Jonathan Kessler
Lillian Kleinberg
Carol Lederman
Jack Morse
Carole Nahmias
Andrew Neisner
Earl Relin
Gary D. Sandler
Fred Shaffer
Marsha Silberman
Abraham Silver
Herman Simpkins
Marion Stern
Evelyn Stoler
Dick Wittink

June 14 - 15
Alec Alpert
Sarra Belyakova
Morton Berger
Morton Berger
Marian Berlowitz
Pauline Block
Doris Cherkasky
Harvey Denis
Elya Farbenblum
Sheindel Farbenblum
Psel Farbenblum
Roza Feygin
Anna Gorin
Donald Hiller
Frances S. Hogan
Frances Hutfkoff
Stephen Jacob
Ruth Lipton
John G. McChesney
Kate Oxfeld
Helene Rothschild
Judith Schneider
Sarah Schwartz
Joseph Shattan
Hyman Shiffrin
Abe Smolowitz
Ita Stark
Martin Stark
Phillip Stein

Charles Eliot Steinberg
Arlene Stern
Beckie Valinsky
Fanny M. Weinstein
Martha Polly Wheeler
Pearl Zwart

June 21 – 22
Harold Baker
Norman Baker
Solomon Davis
Fanny Drubin
Ann Green
Julia Gutman
Betty Hecker
Eli Heimberg
Eleanor Howitt
Joseph Kolman
Lois Levin
Rhoda Long
Ida Louis
Chung Lui
Arleigh Marks
Sophie Potraker
Jeanette Rapkin
Millard Ring
Kathryn Rosenthal
Ruth Schildkraut
Gussie Stabins
Riva Vovchick
Abraham Weinstein
Bella Weiser
Daniel Wertheimer

July 5 – 6
Rita Borus
Earl L. Chapin
Hyman Cherkasky
Jason Congilaro
Eleanor Cyrkin
Joseph Dechario
Harold Forman
Florence Friedland
Mary Giancola
Alice Goldman
Irving Goldman
Sandi Greenberg
Sonia Kantor Handros
Bernard Herman
Philip Hewitt
Gloria Horwitz
Samuel Itkin
Irma Jacobs
Barbara Leonard
Alice Lewis
Harriet Fogel Lewis
Merton Madway
Hillard Mann
Faye Maxick
John Meyer
Charles Montrose
Jonathan Schroeder
Saul Schwartz
Gertrude Shernin
Arkadiy Shmorun
Abram Shpiller
Victor Silver
Rita Simon
Hans D. von Perlstein
John Warner
Eleonora Zyto
To Our Temple Sinai Family,

It is a wonderful gift to be embraced by love and concern during the time of the loss of a loved one. I want to thank all of those who have reached out to me and Jan after the death of my mother, Roddy Katz, of blessed memory. The calls, cards, donations, and visits meant the world to us.

I know I have been blessed in many ways. Initially my family has been an essential part of that blessing. Additionally, to have a congregation and friends who have supported me through the years is another blessing I do not take lightly.

My Mom was granted 96 1/2 years of life. She was an amazing individual and a role model for others. Reflecting on her life with others has reminded me of all the good she brought into this world. Thank you for being there with me as I retold part of her story.

Rabbi Alan J. Katz

HIGH HOLY DAYS
Torah & Haftarah Readers

While it is only June, the High Holy Days will be here before we know it. The summer is a perfect time to learn to chant Torah or Haftarah portions for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If you would like to participate in this important part of the service, please contact Rabbi Katz (main service) or Rabbi Till (family service) as soon as possible. By participating, adults and teenagers can add a meaningful experience to their own and their family’s High Holy Day worship. Now is a great time to do this, especially if you have never done it before.

Even if you have done this in previous years or have already spoken with Rabbi Katz or Rabbi Till in person, PLEASE CONTACT THEM AGAIN TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

GET S’MORE SHABBAT

Mark your calendar for June 14th now so you don’t miss out. This is the first of two Get S’more Shabbat services planned for summer. Come worship, eat and schmooze outside with your temple family. Those who have previously attended know what a great evening it is, and those who have not won’t want to miss out on the experience. Join us on the temple lawn to welcome Shabbat with a lively, camp-style musical service, followed by dinner and s’mores.

Bring your own picnic dinner and relax with new and old friends. Drinks and s’mores will be provided. There will be tables set up, or you can bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. All ages are welcome.

Know someone looking for a synagogue?...bring them along! Get S’more Shabbat is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our vibrant and welcoming community.

RSVP by going to our website at tsinai.org and clicking the link on the right hand side of the home page.

So that everyone can enjoy the service, and to ensure the safety of our children, we ask parents to please have your children sit with you. If your child needs to be occupied during the service, please feel free to bring items with you to help them stay quietly occupied at their seat or feel free to choose from our selection of PJ Library books in the sanctuary lobby.

SAVE THE DATE!!
Friday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m.
This is open to the entire community and is a perfect opportunity to grow our Temple family, so bring a friend or friends. Everyone will enjoy a warm evening of worship, good food and schmoozing around a campfire. There will be a cook-out dinner and s’mores. We’ll do all the work (volunteers welcome!), but reservations will be required. Look for more information in future bulletins and Snippets.
Dear Friends,

Like you, I am searching for answers. Like you, I am sad, in shock, angry, afraid, and heartbroken. And, like you, I will not let hate defeat me. Like you, I will not allow terror to deny my convictions. Like you, I will insist that the sanctuary is a place of solidarity, comfort, resolve, and peace. Like you, I will proudly stand arm in arm with sisters and brothers who will join us to build a world worthy of our prayers.

As more information emerges, and as a community recovers, and as we reflect on the events of the past six months, I share this prayer with you:

אֵל איִלֶּא רַחַמֵּים
(Eil malei rachamim)
God of Compassion, this is not normal.

It is not normal for weapons to disrupt prayers of freedom and memory.

It is not normal for houses of worship to have protocols for responding to violence.

It is not normal for leaders, partners, and friends to extend thoughts and prayers in the wake of another attack.

We refuse to accept this as normal.
We refuse to resign to apathy.
We refuse to give in to forces that seek to divide.
We refuse to allow time to dull our moral outrage.

רבוֹנוֹ שֶל תִּקְוָה
(Ribono shel tikvah)
Master of Hope,

In the face of hate, strengthen our hearts to insist on love.
In the face of darkness, uncover our eyes to find sparks of Your light.
In the face of violence, open our hands so we might extend them in peace.

To those we have lost, grant perfect rest under the sheltering presence of your love.
To those who are in pain, grant wholeness, comfort, and healing.
To those who survive, grant us the faith, courage, and wisdom we need to build a world of peace.

A Prayer from Rabbi Jason E. Fenster
Congregation B’nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim
in response to the April 27 attack at Chabad of Poway, San Diego, California

Adult Education
SUMMER TORAH STUDY: PIRKEI AVOT
(ETHICS OF THE FATHERS)
WITH A SOCIAL JUSTICE TWIST
A Lay-led Study Experience

Saturday mornings during July & August
9:15 - 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge
We'll provide bagels and a shmear and coffee

Conducted entirely in English & appropriate for complete newbies to text study as well as those with years of experience

Please join us (Friends & Family are welcome as well)

Join us for a unique Summer Torah Study Experience. We’ll be looking at Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) With a Social Justice Twist. If you want to buy the book it is ‘Pirkei Avot: A Social Justice Commentary’ by Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz and it is published by CCAR Press. However, there is no need to have a book, we will provide copies as needed. Pirkei Avot is traditionally studied during the summer months and we have studied some of it over the years. But this will be looking through a new lens. If you are interested in text study, or social justice, or BOTH, this is for you! Each session will be independent of the rest so don’t worry if you can’t make them all.
Our thanks go out to everyone who attended the Borscht Belt Bash, and especially to our underwriters and silent auction donors. They helped to create a good time for all.

Wendy Beller-Madway
Peter and Sue Bondy
Esther Brill and R.J. Ruble of Can-Do Dancing
Ed and Blanche Fenster
Tom and Vicki Finnefrock of Stuart’s Spices
Adam and Janine Fried
Rabbi Alan and Jan Katz
Lauren Lieberman
Lindsay McGrail of Green Zebra Catering
Liz Ornstein
Charlie and Joyce Schachter
Jamie Spiller and Anne MacPherson
Phyllis Wagner
Dr. Joseph Wojciehowski and Dr. Allison Holm of Dermatology Partners of Western NY

Susan Bondy, Gala Chair
Todah Rabah
to all those who remembered
Temple Sinai when they
remembered others

ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION FUND

In Honor of
Lillian Courtheoux's special birthday, by Lester
& Monika Katzel, Marcia Elwitt
Lauren Lieberman receiving a Fulbright Global
Scholar Award, by Lester & Monika Katzel,
Susan Stanger and Roy Berns

In Memory of
Charles Eliot Steinberg, by Elizabeth Steinberg,
Lindsay Steinberg McGrail
Marsha Gurwitz, by Elizabeth Steinberg

A donation has been made by Katrina Arndt &
Lauren Lieberman

ADULT EDUCATION FUND

In Memory of
Marcia Bronstein/Wasserman, by Bev & Marv
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Temple Sinai Annual Meeting

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, you are invited to attend the Annual Meeting at Temple Sinai on Thursday, June 20, 2019 in the Social Hall. Come enjoy refreshments at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda for the evening will include reports from Rabbi Katz and Rabbi Till, the President’s message, presentation of the 2019-20 budget, the election of Officers and Trustees, and more.

We hope to see you there.

Hiking Chavurah

On April 28, the Hiking Chavurah hiked approximately 6 miles along the Mendon/Rush portion of the Lehigh Valley Trail. Thanks to Rob Conway who took this super selfie by Rochester Freight House, Junction Road. Pictured left to right Rob Conway, Jill Orbach, Karen Newman, Ron Newman, Fran Feinstein, Marcia Rothberg, Paul Rothberg, Herb Feinstein and rail cars.

Next hike is Sunday May 19, Watkins Glen followed by Sunday June 30 at Letchworth State Park.